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Mr. Timothy.

AS *you have in your laſt Gazette publiſhed a long Epiſtle, in which the Author endeavours to inſinuate, that* " the Inoculation of " the Small-Pox has had very happy Succeſs, " and fully anſwered as the *beſt Means* hi- " therto known or diſcovered, for abating the " Rage, and avoiding the Danger of that fa- " tal Diſeaſe, *and* that not one ſingle white Per- " ſon of above 50 that have taken the Diſtemper " by Inoculation has died under it; *whereas it is well known that, ſince the propagating of that Diſtemper by Inoculation,* ſeveral *in this Town have been hurried into Eternity by this Practice: You are therefore deſired to publiſh in your next the following Piece, which I have tranſcribed from the London Magazine for October* 1733. *pag.* 493. *which doubtleſs will be of Service to the Publick and oblige many of your Readers. I am,* &c.

Of Inoculating in the Small-Pox.

THE Doctrines of the Bowſtring, and of Inoculating in the Small-Pox, are both of *Mahometan* Original, and can never ſuit a free born *Engliſh* Conſtitution: They are a Sort of laying an Exciſe upon our Bodies, contrary to the Laws both of Nature, and of Providence.

That the wild Whim of Inoculation ſhould prevail, as it has done, in *Great-Britain*, is wonderfully to be wondered at; Tho' the beſt of it is, the Peoples Eyes are now more open, and the Practice declines.

If it be ſaid, in its Defence, that many of the Learned, the Noble, and the Wiſe are for it, I anſwer, that many of the Learned, the Noble, and the Wiſe, are againſt it too. But if all ſuch were for it; if it be not lawful, that would not juſtify, or excuſe the Practice.

Would not he be laugh'd at, that ſhould pull out a ſound Tooth, for fear it would ake, or be rotten hereafter?—or would theſe Gentlemen, if the Plague was amongſt us inoculate for that? I believe they would not: Tho' the Reaſons for doing, or not doing, the one, or the other, ſeem to be much the ſame.

Did none ever die, that were inoculated; or if an Inoculation from a very good diſtinct Sort, always produced its Like, and not an ugly confluent Kind, as is commonly the Caſe; or if with the Small Pox, no other Diſtemper was inoculated, (as the Grand-Pox, Leproſy, the Evil, &c.) which cannot be avoided, if the Patient, from whom the pocky *Virus* was taken, was infected therewith, and which, to my Knowledge, has been communicated to the Patient inoculated thereby; I ſay, if the Inoculators could boaſt of theſe Things, ſomething might be pleaded for the Practice; but till they can do that, let them lay their Hand upon their Mouth, and forbear to proceed. Perhaps they may ſneer, when I ask, how can we pray for a Bleſſing on the Means for our Recovery out of that Condition, whereinto we have willfully, and on ſet Purpoſe, brought ourſelves. How many Lives have been loſt this Way? How many eldeſt Sons and only Daughters, of the Rich and Noble, have been hurried into Eternity, let the mourning, inconſolable Parents declare, that have drank of this bitter Cup!

Here I inoculate my Son; he dies: You muſt own, he had not died, if he had not been inoculated: I have gamed away my Son's Life, and what can I ſay for my ſelf? But, fill'd with Remorſe, go mourning to my Grave, and hate myſelf, for my inadvertent Folly, if not Wickedneſs; and how ſuch Raſhneſs may be accounted for another Day, let the Guilty take Care, and prepare for an Anſwer.

If Men will needs take the Almighty's Work out of his Hand, inſtead of inoculating, (whereby they hazard giving the Patient other Diſtempers, with the Small-Pox) let him be had into a Chamber, where a young Perſon has a very good Sort, of the diſtinct Kind, and take his Chance that Way. Tho' this, to me, ſeems unjuſtifiable, and not to be done, without